observed by all people in Maryland and the Ilande there unto belonginge for the tyme beeinge under the penaltys therin Colonial Encontained, provided always that the twelfth and last Act of the Lawes heere unto annexed, which is for the confirmation of certaine Articles beareinge date the twenty foure day of March 1657: shall not extend or bee construed to extend to the acknowledgement of any Assemblys Courts or Offices heeretofore made or constituted in our said province of Maryland by any Authority but ours to have been lawfull; which wee doe heereby Declare is not our intention or meaninge to doe, although wee thought fitt for the reasons therin mentioned to ratify and confirme som things mentioned in the sayd Actes or Articles to bee don by som of them as aforsayd. And provided alsoe that those words (meum et tuum) in the fourth branch of the sayd Articles bee understood to extend noe further then onely to matters betweene party and party, and not to any thinge concerning us or any of our rights in or to Maryland or any the Ilands there unto belonging, any thinge heere in or in the sayd Articles or acts contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding. And wee doe alsoe heerby give power to our Lieutenant of Maryland for the tyme beeinge, till wee or our heires shall signify our or their pleasure to the contrary, with the consent of the Upper and Lower house of our Generall Assembly there from tyme to tyme to repeale any other Lawes already made, or which heere after shalbee made within our sayd Province, excepting all and every the twelve Acts or Lawes heerunto annexed; and the aforesayd Lawes beeinge eighteene in number which wee formerly gave our Assent unto by a writing under our hand and Seale at Armes bearing date the sixth day of August 1650, as aforesayd, and there unto annexed and such as shall heereafter bee assented unto, by us or our heires by any speciall writinge under our or their hand and Seale at Armes, and published within our sayd Province before such repeale, none of which wee will have repealed or altered without our or our heires speciall and expresse assent therunto by som writinge under our or their hand and seale at Armes, with the consent from tym to tym of the upper and lower house of our Generall Assembly theare except the twelfth Act intituled (An Act against fugitives) in the sayd body of eighteene Lawes formerly assented unto by us as aforsayd, which sayd Act against fugitives wee heereby give power to our sayd Lieutenant for the tyme beeinge with the consent of the upper and lower house of our Generall Assembly there if hee shall think fitt to repeale. Given under our hand and Greate Seale at Armes this 30 day of July in the 28 yeare of our Dominion over the sayd Province of Maryland, and in the yeare of our Lord God 1659

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